



INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Funding Streams Workgroup Meeting Minutes Summary

November 12, 2015

10:00am – 12:00pm

Attendees: Ted Maple, Jo Taylor, Krista Rivera, Terry Green, Meghan Smith, Andy Goebel, Alecia Nafziger, Marissa Manlove, Kyle Wehmann, Amanda Lopez

Key Topics Discussed:

ELAC Updates

- The Strategic Plan will be finalized and unveiled at the January Kickoff Meeting on January 14, 2016 from 10am – 4pm (Save the date!).
- Next Annual Report is under development to be completed before the General Assembly takes session in January. Workgroups are asked to suggest recommendations for this report.
- New and Reappointed Committee Members (2-year terms are up): Kevin Bain, Melanie Brizzi, Charlie Geier, Connie Sherman, Robin Atkins, Christopher Stokes and Cindy Frey.
- A new ELAC website is under development: www.elacindiana.org.

Other Updates

- Amanda shared that the next round of Early Education Matching Grant (EEMG) RFF funding has been released. 87 counties are eligible (except 5 OMY pilot). Optional Letter of Intent due next week. (All info posted on FSSA website <http://www.in.gov/fssa/carefinder/4980.htm>).
- In addition, the evaluation of the first year of the EEMG program has been completed by Indiana University and found positive results. Once the report is posted, it will be shared on the FSSA website.
- Ted shared that ELI will be providing capacity grants through their Partnerships for Early Learners work: <http://partnershipsforearlylearners.org/2015/11/13/expansion-opportunity-for-early-education-programs/>
- Meghan Smith shared that an Infant / Toddler Issue Brief will be presented to ELAC tomorrow and uploaded to Wiggin.

Old Business:

Funding Streams Summary (Memo) “Phase 2”

- Amanda noted that there are gaps in some of the data, and the next phase could focus on resolving those data gaps. Perhaps working with the Data



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Coordination workgroup.

- Krista and Alecia recommended that the Memo be distributed to the legislature before session begins, because they have more capacity and time to read and review reports.
- Discussed the need to include a brief 1-page summary / cover letter to provide context for the information included in the Memo. This could be incorporated in the featured section of the ELAC Report as well.
- Recommended sharing the Memo with other key stakeholders, such as funders, the Chamber of Commerce, and United Ways.

Cost of Early Education Study: Scope and Parameters

- Workgroup reviewed the project description for the *CEELO State Cost of Quality Planning Model for Preschool* (uploaded to Wiggio) Three states will pilot the cost tool, and Indiana has the opportunity to be one of the states. Key components of the tool include the following:
 - Calculate state and program costs to support preschools.
 - Compare side by side differences in program design, program quality, geographic focus, scale and other factors.
- Discussed that this workgroup will serve as an “advisory group” to a small committee that is made up of IDOE, OECOSL and ELI staff that will utilize the model. The workgroup will identify the key questions and scenarios for the small committee to run in the model.
- Discussed that the cost tool would not meet OECOSL and the workgroup’s goal of having cost data for infants and toddlers since the tool just focuses on preschool (ages 3-4).
- Noted that the tool would also not meet the workgroup’s goal of providing a tool to help providers calculate their costs.

Key Questions Raised:

1. Would the Funding Streams Memo be in support of another bill even if we aren’t asking for a bill directly related to it from legislators?
2. What other organizations and entities should be given the FS Memo or be pointed toward the ELAC website to find it? Is there a general message we want to push out with it?

Action Steps:

1. Amanda will upload the FS Summary data source list to Wiggio, if not already.
2. Kyle will upload IU EEMG Evaluation study to Wiggio for this workgroup
3. Ted agreed to work on drafting the cover letter / summary for the FS memo



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that will be shared with the legislature and other key stakeholders.

4. Marissa agreed to share the memo (with the cover letter /summary) with their Indiana Philanthropy Alliance (IPA) members.
5. Andy agreed to share the memo (with the cover letter /summary) with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.
6. Amanda will share the memo (with the cover letter /summary) with the Indiana Association of United Ways.

Next Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 10, 2015

Location: Early Learning Indiana, 615 Alabama Street, Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46204

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